

Amendment
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/780,883

REMARKS

Claims 12 - 13 and 27 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in subsequently filed continuing applications.

Claims 1, 14 - 15, 17 and 28 - 29 have been amended.

Claims 1 - 11, 14 - 26 and 28 - 30 are present and pending in the subject application.

In the Office Action mailed April 11, 2007, the Examiner has objected to claims 1 and 17 due to informalities, has rejected claims 1 - 4, 7, 10 - 20, 23 and 26 - 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,067,718 (Knox et al.), has rejected claims 5 - 6, 8, 21 - 22 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Knox et al. patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,860,139 (Pelz), and has rejected claims 9 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Knox et al. patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,387,903 (Cutter et al.). Favorable reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Initially, Applicant gratefully acknowledges the courtesies extended by Examiner Nguyen during the Interview of July 25, 2007. During the Interview, Applicant indicated that the Knox et al. patent is directed toward a putting device and does not determine the speed of a green nor include the detector arrangement as recited in the claims. The Examiner indicated that the features of claims 13 - 14 (and corresponding claims 27 - 28) may overcome the rejections upon further consideration. The Examiner suggested to incorporate the features of claim 13 into the independent claims for re-consideration. In addition, the Examiner indicated that Applicant

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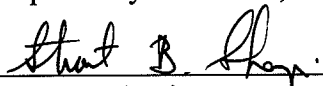
would be informed in the case where the features of claim 14 are believed to also be needed within the independent claims.

In order to expedite prosecution of the subject application, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claims 12 - 13, while independent claim 17 has been amended to include the features of claim 27. Independent claims 1 and 17 have been further amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions with respect to the claim objections. Dependent claims 14 - 15 and 28 - 29 have been amended for consistency with their amended parent claims. Since the independent claims have been amended to incorporate features from their dependent claims and to address alleged informalities indicated in the Office Action, no new issues have been raised.

These claim amendments do not reflect the propriety of the Examiner's position since Applicant believes the rejections to be deficient for at least the reasons discussed above and submitted in the prior response. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 17 and their corresponding dependent claims are considered to be in condition for allowance.

The application, having been shown to overcome the issues raised in the Office Action, is considered to be in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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